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FILE HEADING.

Scheme for the issue of licenses through middlemen for the sale of timber and other forest produce.

From

The Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

No. 2967 Dated 10.10.05 Received 12.10.05

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Submits a statement showing the revenue realized before and after the introduction of the license scheme into the Mysore District, states that there has been a considerable increase of revenue under every head during 1904-05 and requests sanction to the introduction of the Scheme to the other Districts in the Province &c.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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In August 1904, the Conservator reported that the license scheme has been a success in the Mysore District and requested that it may be ordered to be introduced into the Districts of Bangalore, Kolar, Tumkur, Hassan & Chital Droog and into certain taluks

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in the Kadur & Shemoga Distts. he was told in reply that a further trial ~~be~~ be given to it and a report submitted at the close of the year. He now reports that tho' the year 1904-05 was not particularly prosperous the yield there has been a considerable increase of revenue under every head in the Nugpore Distt. ~~Dated~~

2. The scheme is said to have been partially introduced into the Shemoga Distt. with the concurrence of the Deputy Commr. during the past year and that the results have been still more remarkable. No figures have been furnished in support of this statement.

3. The Conservator ~~states~~ requests that, as the scheme was tried for three years in the Nugpore Distt. and as it has proved a thorough success, it may be ordered to be extended to the other Districts in the ~~Province~~ State. In his previous ~~recom~~ letter he recommended that it ~~be~~ may be introduced to all the maidan districts and certain Ranges of the Kadur & Shemoga Distts.

Submit for orders. The opinions of the Bn Dy Commrs of Shimoga & Nugpore on the working of the scheme have not been sent. May we

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Submitted draft. The Dy. Comm of Chitaldroog is in favor of the scheme
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5 To the Conservator of Forests, N.D. 5118 dated 28th October 1905.

Calls for the opinions of the Deputy Commissioners of Dists. in the matter.

6 From the Conservator of Forests, N.D. 141 dated 26th July 1906.

Submits letters from seven Deputy Commissioners and states that often 6 are unanimously in favour of the introduction of the system into their Districts While the Deputy Comr. of Kadur is of opinion that the same may be introduced into his district tentatively for one year and requests that sanction may be accorded to the extension of the scheme to the other parts of the State

Subd for orders
CS
31.7.06 All the Dy Commrs are
by 31/7/06 unanimously of opinion that the system of issuing licences by means of authorized

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Commission licence-vendors for the removal of fruit produce is much more conducive both to public convenience and the interests of post revenue than the system now prevailing of having these licenses issued by Officers of Government. In his Muttamma's letter as D.t Fruit Officer proposing the introduction of the scheme into the Bezwada Mt printed in extenso in Post Order No 330-35-1752-61 of 8th Nov 01 the advantages of this system are briefly expounded. The system permits of a vast multiplication of the agencies through whom such licenses may be obtained and thus the delay and inconvenience incidental to obtaining these licenses from a limited number of Officers who from the nature of their duties have to be constantly on the move are obviated At present both the issuing agency & the checking agency consist of Post Officials whereas

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if the commissioned license system is introduced and the latter taking of the work falls on post Officials thereby vastly increasing the chances of fraud and clandestine removal of forest produce through the connivance of corrupt subordinates. The number of license-books issued to each Vendor being known and the licenses being required to be produced in a certain order the danger of embezzling a number of license-books to show said Officials for convenience of distribution or speedier avoidance delays is minimized. The different colours used also enable the licenses to be easily recognized and checked. ~~The licensee holder stands not~~ As under the present system the persons removing the forest produce has to give up his pass at the checking station he is likely to be exposed to a great deal of annoyance by not having anything to show that he removed the produce under due authority

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the D.C.s Conners of Districts also
The scheme may be introduced into
all Districts ~~a experimental~~ tentatively
for two years, a report of the working
thereof being submitted at the end of that
period. Please put up a draft
order. (Read the more important papers
in extenso)

5.2.06

Submitted with draft Order
CS 7.8.06
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~~To Decision~~ As this involves a
change of system, or organisation,
or method of realising revenue in
the Forest Dept., it falls under
clause (viii) of the Schedule of Council
matters.

To H.E. Council in the
first instance.

7.2.06

The idea is good & the principle
is sound. I heard good accounts
of the system
while in the
Shimoga Dist.

2. There should now be a vast
multiplication of the agencies through
whom licenses can be obtained.

On Rly Orders
Issued

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seeing that the lessees perform there important duties of check ~~[illegible]~~ & vigilance sincerely & efficiently -

7- Rule 19- The extension of period granted should be intimated to the licensee when forwarding the required license -

The scheme has been already tried in Mysore & Shimoga has so far districts and proved successful. Its advantages are undoubted. and disadvantages nil. It curtails ~~reduces~~ the power of the Forest subordinate who was hitherto charged with the duty of issuing licenses. and transfers the power to village Patels & respectable ryots - The Forest officials will on the other hand be expected to check the removal of all forest

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produce. Thus the issuing & checking agencies will not be the same as at present. It will set the Excise officials free to look after smuggling & other malpractices.

The scheme may be tried tentatively for two years in all the districts

The number of licensed vendors should be regulated by the Conservator.

I do not apprehend the license forms being forged. Our ryots are too honest & simple folk to think of such things.

K V Rattanmayhoff
2 Jan 1906

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Matter for Council Meeting to be held on

at

Subject.

Scheme for the issue of licenses for the collection and sale of timber and other forest produce through middlemen.

Circulated to Councillors.

By Order,

Secretary.

8th August 1906.

T.Ananda Row, Esq,. B.A.

First Councillor.

K.P. Puttanna Chetty Esq,.

Second Councillor.

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the tract in question and proposals for its extension to other tracts or for its continuance submitted after the close of the year. (No.3006/22-04-3, dated 1st October 1904).

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The Conservator now represents that under the new scheme the realization of forest revenue in the Mysore District for the year 1904-05 has shown a decided improvement, though the year was not particularly prosperous to the ryots by whom most of the forest produce is removed, and that the scheme met with better results in the Shimoga District, where it was partially introduced last year with the concurrence of the Deputy Commissioner. He therefore requests that the scheme may be introduced in the other Districts also.

The details of the scheme have been explained in the Government order of November 1901, above referred to, and the Deputy Commissioners who were consulted in the matter have all expressed the opinion that the system would be more conducive to public convenience and better serve Government interests than the present system under which licenses are issued solely by Government officers.

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Subd with 2 drafts
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The scheme has been sanctioned & the original draft seems to be all right with regard to the limiting of the licenses I have suggested some additions in pencil. They may be added. The other remarks of the Ist Ca need not be embodied in the draft as we might call the Comrs opinion in them separately

Secy
1/9/06

1) Issue draft as revised.

2) Address Conservator as proposed opening a separate file for the purpose.

(The draft pencilings is added)

Secy
17/9/06

To the Conservator of Forests, Rev. Comr, Dy. Comrs of Dists & Comptroller, No. R. 3690-500 dated 28.9.06.

Sanctions the introduction of the license to all the dists tentatively for 2 years; calls for a report at the end of that period; and directs that the issue of licenses to vendors should be carefully regulated so as to avoid multiplying the numbers.

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OFFICE OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS IN MYSORE,

No. 2967 *Dated Bangalore,* 10th October 1905.

Enclosures (Duplo + four)

From

RAI BAHADUR M. MUTHANNAH, ESQ.,
Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

To

B.K.Venkata Varada Iyengar,
.....Esqr.,
Secy. to the Govt. of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments,
Bangalore.

Rec'd 12-10-05

SIR,

Ft. 22-04, 82 No. 3.

Adverting to Government Proceedings No.R.3006/Ft. 22-04-3, dated the 1st October 1904, I have the honour to submit below a comparative statement showing the revenue realised under certain heads before and after the introduction of the License Scheme sanctioned in Government Order 330-39/1752-61, dated the 8th November 1901, into the Mysore District.-

Particulars	Receipts.			
	II.a.Timber Rs.	II.b.Firewood Rs.	II.c.Bamboos Rs.	Total Rs.
1. Average per annum for the 2 years (1900-02) preceding the introduction of the License Scheme.	2112	5922	8375	16409

2.

once the licensee has returned the original license, he has nothing to produce on being found in possession of forest produce when called upon to do so. They also contain no column for "Rate" at which produce is sold and "Route" by which the produce is to be exported.

8. One great advantage of the new form is that it is granted subject to certain conditions, (vide particulars written on the back of triplicate) the non-observance of which renders it invalid and the produce liable to confiscation. Another advantage is that they contains book numbers like those in chéques & serial-number of licenses, so that a lost or counterfeit license could be easily traced.

The licenses are also printed on different kinds of coloured paper, so that even an illiterate person can easily say for what kind of produce the license is intended.

9. The new License Scheme has been tried for three years in the Mysore District and, as the figures given in para 1 supra shew, has proved a thorough success. If it has not proved a greater success, the reason is that our District Forests are not properly protected, which fact renders smuggling easy, and because that the ryot in Mysore unlike his brother in British India enjoys so many privileges and concessions, that very few are driven to the necessity of obtaining their requirements from State Forests.

10. I beg that sanction may be accorded to the extension of the scheme to the other Districts in the Province.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. M. Cameron

Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

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Diary No. of letter replied to 3811

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Date of issue 28-10-05

Signed by

READ.—

Letter No. 2967 dated the 10th October 1905 from the Conservator of Forests in Mysore, soliciting sanction to the Extension to all the districts in the State of the scheme for issuing licenses through middlemen for the collection and sale of timber and other forest produce.

~~ORDER THEREON~~ No.

Order thereon

over

No. R 5118

Received 26/10

SUBJECT

(1)

In the order of Govt

N° 3006 dated the 1st October
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1904 to which the above
communication is a reply,
the Commissioner was asked
to submit his proposals with
the opinions of the Deputy
Commrs concerned. He
has neither submitted
those opinions nor quoted
them. He has however, with
his letter N° 3135 dated the
16th ~~October~~ September 1905
sent the opinion of the
Deputy Commr of the
Chittaldrug District, but it is
of the question now raised,
which is to apply the scheme
throughout the State. As
Govt consider it necessary
that all the Dy. Commrs
should have an opportunity
of expressing their views
on the scheme which

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OFFICE OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS IN MYSORE,

No. 741 *Dated Bangalore,* 26th July 1906.

Enclosures 11.

From

RAI BAHADUR M. MUTHANNAH, ESQ.,
Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

To

K.S.CHANDRASEKARA IYER, Esqr., B.A., B.L.,
Secy. to the Govt. of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments,
Bangalore.

Revd 28/7
Forwd 4/8/7

SIR,

Adverting to Government Proceedings No.R.5118/Ft. 45-05-5, dated the 28th October 1905, directing me to obtain and submit the opinions of the Deputy Commissioners regarding the extension to their respective Districts (except Mysore) of the scheme for issuing licenses through middlemen for the collection and sale of timber and other forest produce, I have the honour to forward herewith the marginally noted papers in original and

1. Shimoga Deputy Commissioner's letter No.1480, dated the 6th December 1905.
2. Kolar Deputy Commissioner's letter No.4809/4190, dated the 5th December 1905 together with its enclosure (memo No.95, dated the 2nd December 1905 from the District Forest Officer.
3. Chitaldrug Deputy Commissioner's letter No.498, dated the 11th January 1906 and letter No.260 dated the 2nd October 1905.
4. Hassan District Forest Officer's No.260, dated the 3rd February 1906 together with the Deputy Commissiner's endorsement thereon.
5. Tumkur Deputy Commissioner's letter No.284 dated the 4th March 1906.
6. Bangalore District Forest Officer's No.318 dated the 23rd March'06 together with its enclosure.

7. [illegible] and to that of the seven Property Commissioners who have been appointed in that Nation, I have much pleasure in forwarding the introduction of this system into their Districts, [illegible] by publishing of Rules & Regulations that the Chiefs may [illegible] into his District tentatively for one year.

[illegible] that such of the Rules may not be acceptable to the natives of this District [illegible] other parts of the Nation [illegible] Rules [illegible] Letter of 9th August 1871).

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

[illegible]

Superintendent of Indian Affairs.

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(*Continuation Sheet draft form.*)

The proposed system permits of a ~~vast~~ multiplication of the agencies through whom such licenses may be obtained and thus the delay and inconvenience incidental to obtaining these licenses from a limited number of officers are obviated. ~~At present both the issuing~~ agency and the checking agency consist of Govt officials while under the proposed system only the checking work falls on Govt officials thereby greatly diminishing the chances of fraud and clandestine removal of forest produce Through the connivance of corrupt subordinates. The number of licensebooks issued to each vendor being known and the licenses being required to be given in a certain order the chances of

having their head quarters only in some important places 2

encouraging a number of
license holders & local
officials in misinterpreted.
The proposed system also
tends to give the present rapid
growth the encouragement of
having to attend to the disposal
of more or less immediate
speculative of formal produce and allowed to
Whenever the system has utilize the services
been tried, it has led to an of more of its subordinate
appreciable increase of the to its legitimate
circulation. trade of food currency
and specie.

2 Under the circumstances
the Commissioners therefore
were constrained. The
scheme will be introduced
into all the Districts, gradually
for two years, a report
of the results thereof being
submitted at the end of
that period.

The issue of licenses to
vendors
should be carefully
regulated
so as to avoid
multiplying the number
of licensed vendors
beyond what local
requirements may
really require.

Permit

Secretary

To the Secretary of Revenue
the Hon. Commissioners
the Chief Secretary